

# Bird of the Year 2024

## Bateleur

## Welcome

Welcome to the 2024 Bird of the Year campaign brought to you by BirdLife South Africa! This year's selected species is the Bateleur. Throughout the year, the Bird of the Year campaign will produce lesson plans, infographics, fact sheets, a poster which are free to download from the BirdLife South Africa website, [www.birdlife.org.za](http://www.birdlife.org.za). Be sure to watch our social media platforms for regular updates and the release of further resources. Have you seen our magazine yet – African Birdlife? Regular articles will feature in the magazine as well. Why not further support the campaign by purchasing some Bateleur merchandise through BirdLife South Africa's Shop for the Birds.

No part of the campaign could have taken place without the generous support and donation of the Hans Hoheisen Charitable Trust. Thank you for continuing to fund this annual campaign and the conservation of birds and biodiversity.

Ten lesson plans have been made available for download upfront. This assists teachers and groups leaders in planning and scheduling the campaign into their year. Throughout the year additional infographics and fact sheets will be released and available on BirdLife South Africa's website. In addition, we will be hosting a range of webinars to support groups and schools in implementing the campaign. As you, and your learners move through the lessons, you will learn more about the Bateleur as well as planning and acting for the conservation of the species. Each lesson takes you a little deeper into the life of a Bateleur. Starting with background information and aimed at the intermediate phase, grades 4 to 6, the activities included reinforce the knowledge gained in the lesson in a fun manner. You are more than welcome to either down or upscale these for your specific grade. If you have any additional activities, please do let us know and we will share these with the greater network of participating schools and groups.

Topics covered include:

1. Introduction and identification
2. More about the Bateleur
3. Habitat
4. Habitat happenings
5. Diet and feeding
6. Breeding and nesting
7. Conservation and tourism value
8. Cultural value
9. Raising the Bateleur flag
10. Reporting on implementation

Lesson 9 focusses on schools or groups planning and taking action to raise awareness of this species. Lesson 10 asks for reporting on the year of implementation. Send us an overview of working through the lessons to raising the Bateleur flag by the submission date and be recognised for your efforts.

Remember, you are not alone this year. Should you require any additional information or support, please do contact us on the details provided below. We look forward to sharing in your learning and experiences with the campaign this year.

Kind regards and yours in education,

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